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MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: Rosemarie Ives, Mayor

DATE: October 18, 2005

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION: “PRESERVE AMERICA” COMMUNITY DESIGNATION**

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

By motion approve a resolution in support of the City of Redmond being designated as a “Preserve America” Community.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Roberta Lewandowski, Director of Planning and Community Development, 425-556-2447
Rob Odle, Planning Policy Manager, 425-556-2417
Dianna Broadie, Senior Planner, 425-556-2414

III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Preserve America is a White House initiative in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and other government agencies to recognize communities that protect their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development, and encourage people to appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. Currently, this program is a recognition program; however, the President has requested \$12.5 million in the 2006 budget for matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The grants could be used for either capital improvements to historic properties, such as Conrad Olsen or Anderson cabins, or for programmatic efforts, such as a reprint of the historic walking tour brochure for tourists. The City appears more than qualified to meet the minimum criteria for designation, and should the grant program be approved, we would pursue making an application.

IV. IMPACT

A. Service Delivery: This has the potential to enhance delivery of services by adding a grant funding program for which the City may qualify.

B. Fiscal: Additional program revenue from grants may be realized.

V. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Do not apply. Application could be made at a later time upon adoption of the grant programs.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

None

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution

/s/
Roberta Lewandowski, Planning Director

10/06/05
Date

Approved for Council Agenda: /s/
Rosemarie Ives, Mayor

10/07/05
Date

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ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY BEING
DESIGNATED A “PRESERVE AMERICA” COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, “Preserve America” is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U. S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation’s past, a strengthened regional identity and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country’s irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support of the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community’s interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a “Preserve America Community” will improve our community’s ability to protect and promote its historical resources; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Application for Designation. To direct staff to apply for the designation of the City of Redmond as a “Preserve America” Community; and;

Section 2. Historic Preservation Support. To continue to encourage protection of historic assets for economic development and community

revitalization and to encourage citizens to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

RESOLVED THIS _____ day of _____ 2004.

CITY OF REDMOND

ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

MALISA FILES, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:
EFFECTIVE DATE:
RESOLUTION NO. _____